



California Department of Child Support Services 2006-07 State Budget Highlights

Meeting the needs of California's child support customers while strengthening the State's ability to improve performance and implement an effective statewide automated child supports system

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Performance Improvement:** Provides \$12 million (\$4 million SGF) one-time funding augmentation for local child support agencies to improve child support program performance.
- **Customer Impacts:** Provides \$23 Million for Transitional Arrearages Payments on behalf of non custodial parents impacted by the transition to the state system and \$1.5 million for local administrative and outreach costs.
- **Credit Cards Fees:** Provides that the department pay the credit card fees for non-custodial parents who choose to make their child support payments using a credit card.

2006-07 PROPOSED ADJUSTMENTS:

Performance Improvement:

- A one-time increase of \$12 million (\$4 million SGF) for local child support agency administration to support activities that directly improve child support program performance.

Credit Card Fees for Non-Custodial Parents

- Initiates the DCSS payment of credit card fees for non-custodial parents who choose to make their child support payments using a credit card.

Transition Arrearages Payments

- An increase of \$23 million SGF for the Transitional Arrearages Payments. These are advanced payments made on behalf of non-custodial parents impacted by the transition to the SDU.
- An increase of \$1.5 million (\$523,000 SGF) for Transitional Arrearage Administrative costs at the LCSA level such as outreach, account set-up, and notifications.

Automation

- An increase of \$12.2 million federal funds for the California Child Support Automation System (CCSAS) CSE project, change requests previously included in a March budget change proposal, and funding for changes to CCSAS needed for the transitional arrearage program.
- An increase of \$11 million (\$3.3 million SGF) for the CCSAS SDU project, change requests previously included in a March budget change proposal.

Child Support Program Collections

2006-07 Collection Adjustments:

- An increase of \$7.4 million (\$2.6 million SGF) in Assistance collections.
- An increase of \$20.0 million in Non Assistance collections.
- A decrease of \$4.5 million (\$643,000 SGF) for the Full Collections Program collections.
- A decrease of \$6.0 million (\$2.9 million SGF) in the Child Support Collections Enhancements.